A
Warning to Traytors,
Or a Brief
ACCOUNT
Of the Appredenaing, Tryal, Condemnation, Behaviour and Execution of
William Diſinie late Eſq;
Who was Executed for
High-Treaſon
On *Monday the* 25.th day of *June*, 1685.
AT
Kenington Common
In the County of *Surry*.

STrange it is, that this Nation whoſe Natives for Humanity and good Nature have been accounted of, throughout the known World, ſhould ſo much degenerate in theſe latter Ages, as to produce a ſort of Men, who are ſo wedded to obſtinacy and grounded in Rebellious Principles, that no favours can oblige them to peaceable Obedience and honeſt Loyalty, nor fear of Puniſhment deter them from offending againſt the known Laws, much leſs induce them to a hearty compliance with their Duty and Allegiance to their Sovereign, though they are not in the leaſt ignorant that the Laws of God and Man, moſt ſtrictly enjoyn it; the one under the Penalty of Eternal, and the other under that of Tem-

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poral or Corporal Puniſhment, nay, ſo reſtleſs & Implacable is this *Fanatick* Generation, of Men that pretend to ſo much Zeal and Fervency; ſhrouding their Diabolical Deſigns and Treaſonable Enterprizes under the Veil of Hypocriſie, that rather than their Malice to involve us in Blood and Miſchief, ſhall be unimployed, they will chooſe to Act not only contrary to the Rules of Reaſon, but frequently contrary to the Dictates of their own Conſciences, doing thoſe things which they are Conſcious; they ought to flie and avoid, as may be obſerved in the Practice, or wicked undertaking of Mr. *Diſinie* whoſe Raſhneſs has brought him ſhame and diſgrace, in the following Manner.

This Perſon being well deſcended of Loyal Parentage, ſo far degenerated that contrary to the known Laws in which he was Practitioner, and in favour of the Rebels now in open Rebellion; He Printed, and cauſed to be Printed, a Dangerous, Malicious, and Treaſonable Libel, *&c.* To inflame, ſtir up, and incite his Majeſties Subjects to Treaſon and Rebellion; to bring which to paſs he had gotten him a Preſs and Printing materials, at his Houſe on *Lambeth* Side; but as no Plots and Devices have hitherto been capable of proſpering againſt our Gracious Sovereign, ſo this piece of wickedneſs was diſcovered e're it could be brought to the perfection intended, and immediately a Warrant delivered to one of his Majeſties Meſſengers to apprehend the Partys and Papers, who accompanied with ſome Files of Muſqueteirs, firſt beſet the *Houſe*, and then breaking open the Doors and runing up Stairs they found Mr. *Diſinie* in his Shirt, who at their approach cried out Thieves and Murther, but being ſecured, they found in his Breeches that (lay upon a Chair) a pair of Pocket Piſtols and a Dagger with the Sheath faſtened to the inſide of the *Pocket*, and proceeding farther diſcovered ſome of the Papers, as likewiſe the *Printing* materials which were placed in a Celler that had formerly been a Kitchen; when taking him and one who went for his Female Servant (but has ſince appeared to be his Nightly Companion) they were after due Examination and proof of the Fact Committed, and on *Monday* the 21*th.* of *June*, 1685. A ſpecial Commiſſion being iſſued out for that purpoſe, they were Arraigned at the *Marſhalſea in Southwark* for *High-Treaſon*, and pleading not Guilty, *Diſinie* deſired Council but was denyed as not allowa-

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ble in ſuch Capital-Caſes, yet upon farther Requeſt he had leave to make uſe of what Books he thought fit, to prepare him for his Defence, and time given him till the 25*th.* of *June*, 1685. When being brought to the Barr and the Indictment Read and opened, it appeared againſt him upon Oath, that he had actually Printed thoſe Treaſonable Libels, and publickly read one of them at the entertainment of ſome perſons that came to viſit him; as likewiſe his Intention to diſperſe them; together with the manner of Diſcovery, and finding the Libels, and printing materials, and other Circumſtances ſo plainly Evident, that he could make little or no defence, whereupon, after a full hearing, wherein he had all the reaſonable liberty imaginable to make his Objections the Jury found him Guilty of *High-Treaſon*, and he thereupon received Sentence, *to be drawn upon a Hundle to the place of Execution, there to be hang'd by the Neck not till dead, but being Cut down alive, his privy members to be Cut off, his Bowels taken out and Burnt before his Face, his Head to be ſevered from his Body, and his Body to be divided into four quarters, and to be diſpoſed of at his Majeſties pleaſure.*

After Sentence he ſeemed much dejected, as being conſcious of ſo great a Crime, by which ſo much miſchief might have happened had not a timely Diſcovery prevented it; and percieving the Day of Execution (the reward of his Treaſons) approached, a concluding with himſelf that there could not be reaſonably any mercy expected for ſo notorious a wickedneſs, he began ſeriouſly to bethink him of his paſt ſins and of a future State (appearing to ſuch as attended him) to be much concerned that he had pulled ſuch miſerie and diſgrace upon himſelf, when he might have lived peaceably and happily had he followed his buſineſs, and much at that rate continued he till the Day, being the 29*th.* of *June*, & having taken leave of ſuch Friends as came to pay him their laſt viſit in the *Marſhalſea* Priſon, was put into a *Sledge* brought for that purpoſe, about Nine in the Morning, and attended with a ſtrong Guard of the Sheriffs men and Conſtables, was conveyed to *Kenington Common* the place appointed for his Execution, appearing all the way much dejected, looking wiſhfully upon the People, and often lifting up his Hands and Eyes towards Heaven, continuing ſo to do, till he came to the place afore-

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ſaid where he was to ſuffer ; when being taken out of the *Sledge* and put into a Cart, he prayed to himſelf a conſiderable time, and was prayed-with and exhorted to conſider his latter end, ſeeing there were but a few moments between him and Eternity ; which done and the uſual Devotion ended (he not in the leaſt denying the Fact for which he ſuffered,) The Cart drew away, when having hang'd a conſiderable time he was Cut down and quartered, *&c.* and his Quarters brought to *Newgate*, in Order to their being affixed on divers Gates of the City, *&c.* as a Monument of his Treaſon.

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